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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 29, 1999

APPLICATION OF

ADVANCED TELCOM GROUP OF
VIRGINIA, INCORPORATED

CASE NO. PUC990088

For certificates of public
convenience and necessity to
provide local exchange and
interexchange telecommunications
services

FINAL ORDER

On May 25, 1999, Advanced TelCom Group of Virginia, Incorporated ("ATG" or "Company"), completed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Company also requested authority to price its interexchange services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

By Order dated May 28, 1999, the Commission directed the Company to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to ATG's application.

On June 29, 1999, Staff filed its report finding that ATG's application was in compliance with the Rules Governing the

Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service, as codified in 20 VAC 5-400-180, and the Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers, as codified in 20 VAC 5-400-60. Accordingly, Staff recommended granting a local exchange certificate and an interexchange certificate to ATG conditioned on the Company establishing an unaffiliated, third-party, escrow account for any customer deposits.

A hearing was conducted on July 13, 1999, at which time ATG filed all proofs of publication and proof of service as required by the May 28, 1999, scheduling order. At the hearing, the application and accompanying attachments, and the Staff Report were entered into the record without objection.

Having considered the application, and the Staff Report, the Commission finds that ATG should be granted certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services subject to the condition that any customer deposits collected by the Company shall be retained in an unaffiliated, third-party, escrow account until such time as the Staff or Commission determines it is no longer necessary. Having considered § 56-481.1, the Commission further finds that ATG may price its interexchange services competitively.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) Advanced TelCom Group of Virginia, Incorporated, is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and

necessity, No. T-453, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Service, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) Advanced TelCom Group of Virginia, Incorporated, is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. TT-73A, to provide interexchange services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(3) ATG shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications which conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(4) Should ATG collect customer deposits, it shall establish and maintain an escrow account, held by an unaffiliated third party to hold such funds, and shall notify the Commission Staff of the escrow arrangement. Any escrow arrangement established pursuant to this Order shall be maintained until such time as the Staff or Commission determines it is no longer necessary.

(5) Pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, ATG may price its interexchange services competitively.

(6) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers placed in the file for ended causes.